

The Book of Romans
It depends not on us but on God
Time after Pentecost: August 2, 2026
St. Peter Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting Ten

Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church!

If you are a guest with us this morning, we welcome you to fill out a connection card, located in the pew rack. You are welcome to share as much information with us as you are comfortable sharing. Please place the cards in the baskets at the head of the aisle during the Communion distribution.

For Worship, everything you need is included in this bulletin except for the hymns, which are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

PRELUDE: *The Cross* by Anne Wilson & Chris Tomlin
Holy Forever by Chris Tomlin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to God.

We keep silence for confession and reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

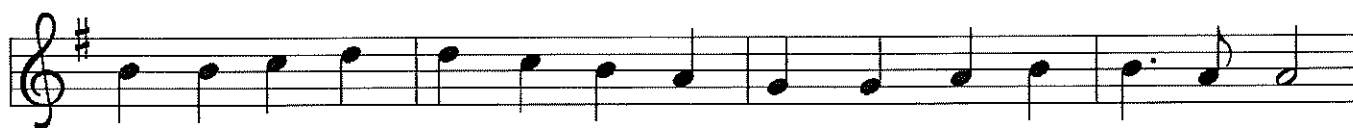
GATHERING HYMN: *Lord, Speak to Us, That we May Speak* 676

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

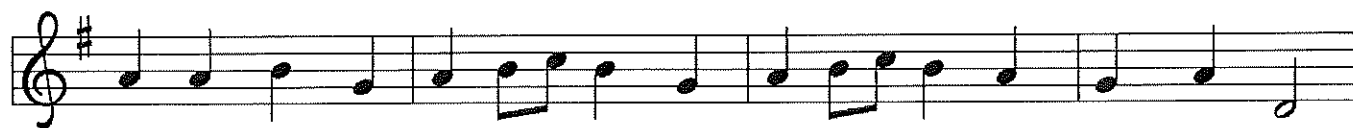
HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

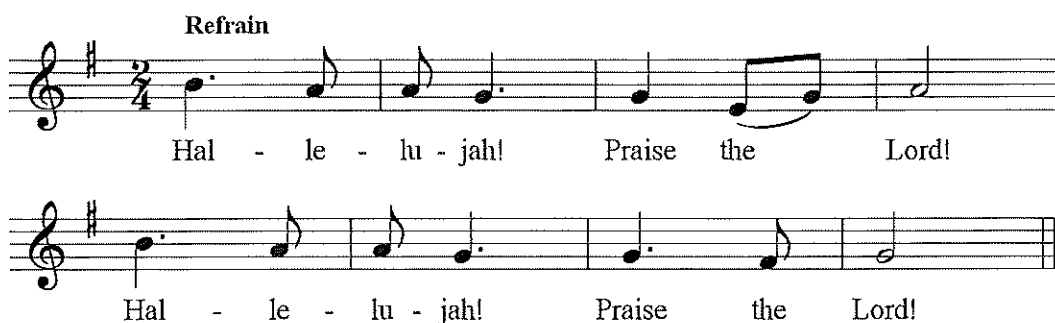
Psalm 145:8-9,14-21

We sing the refrain, then read the Psalm responsively, singing the refrain where indicated with an "R".

Psalm 145

Traditional

Hal H. Hopson



⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,**

and your compassion is over all your works. R

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,**
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways**
and loving in all your works. R

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;**
you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;**
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and
ever. R

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-16

A reading from Romans.

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

⁶ It is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all those descended from Israel are Israelites, ⁷ and not all of Abraham's children are his descendants, but "it is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants. ⁹ For the word of the promise is this: "About this time I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰ Nor is that all; something similar happened to Rebecca when she had conceived children by one husband, our ancestor Isaac: ¹¹ even before they had been born or had done anything good or bad (so that God's purpose of election might continue, ¹² not by works but by his call) she was told, "The elder shall serve the younger." ¹³ As it is written,

"I have loved Jacob,
but I have hated Esau."

¹⁴ What then are we to say? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses,

"I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

¹⁶ So it depends not on human will or exertion but on God who shows mercy.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Empty* **674**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried:
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERING: *Be Thou My Vision* by Paul Zach

The offering is collected. You can share your tithes and offerings by:

- *Cash or check using envelopes in the pews*
- *Sending a check via your bank's bill pay feature*
- *Using this QR code to give via debit or credit card or to set up automated giving through Vanco.*



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

A musical score for a hymn, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Thanks be to God.



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Welcome to the Table of the Lord! We commune in a continuous fashion forming two lines down the center aisle. Receive the host from the pastor and then take an individual glass which will be filled from the pouring chalice. You are welcome to fill out a connection card (from the pew racks) and place it in the container at the head of the aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Bread of Life* by Children of Inheritance
Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* **774**

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Everlasting God* by Brown/Riley

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Wes & Judy Gahler in honor of Lane's 15th and Quinn's birthdays.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician	John Beamer
Video Tech	Mark Cuthbertson
Greeter	Bonny Ottney
Usher	
Reader	Kim Reif
Children's Message	
Communion	Mary Dehring, Wes Gahler
Fellowship	Wendy Millinger

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
Tue	Quilt Sewing	9:00 AM
	Packing Lunches	8:30—11:00 AM
Wed	WELCA Officers Mtg	TBD
	A.A.	8:00 PM
Thur	Precious Moments	6:00 PM
	Orientation in Fellowship Hall	
Sat	LAST Campfire	5:30 PM

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC lyrics are located on the table by the stairs going to the choir loft.

HELP TIE QUILTS—Do you have time on your hands with nothing to do? The Quilt sewing ladies are looking for additional help to tie quilts every Tuesday morning, 9:00 AM-Noon. They are also looking for help to cut materials into squares, which could be done at home at your leisure. For more information, contact Linda Sigurdson or come on a Tuesday morning to check it out.

NEEDED: Your favorite hymn to sing during communion. Please sign up your favorite hymn/hymns on the sheet on the Narthex table.

BLUE BARREL: August's collection is peanut butter, jelly/jam for St. Paul Episcopal food pantry.

SIGN UP sheets for the (last) August 8th Saturday Night campfire and Packing Food (August 4) for Ottawa County Advocacy are located on the table in the Narthex.

DURING the month of **AUGUST** a monetary collection will be accepted for the Peth and Creech-Shumate families to help defray funeral and rebuilding costs from the fire. Both families suffered complete loss of their personal belongings with Mrs. Creech-Shumate losing her life. Donations can be placed in the basket by the doors to the sanctuary or marked on your giving envelope.

SAVE THE DATE—August 16th for St Peters' annual Ice Cream Social. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall 1-3PM. Lyle Diefenthaler will be providing music for this gathering. Please bring your family, friends and neighbor to this free activity put on by the Outreach Ministry.

ATTENDANCE: Worship: 53

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Current:\$1496.10	Benevolence:\$103	Building Fund:\$61
Propane:\$30	Altar Flowers:\$50	SS:\$10
Copier Reimburse:\$ 63.20	Peth Family Support:\$241	

AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

August 9

Greeter: Pam King
Usher: Judy Gahler
Reader: Bonny Ottney
Communion: Pam King
Mary Dehring
Fellowship:
Flowers: Tom & Bonny Ottney

August 16

Greeter:
Usher:
Reader: Mary Dehring
Communion: Wes Gahler
Fellowship:
Flowers: Joe & Jody Kapp
Lectern: Linda & Tom Sigurdson

August 23

Greeter: Pam King
Usher:
Reader: Joe Kapp
Communion: Pam King
Mary Dehring
Fellowship: Wes & Judy Gahler
Flowers: Pam & Ron King

August 30 RALLY SUNDAY

Greeter:
Usher: Judy Gahler
Reader: Wendy Millinger
Communion: Wes Gahler
Fellowship: Charles & LeAnne Jaeger
Flowers: Larry & Karen Schanke

Please consider helping out with hospitality and worship leadership this summer!

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Worship 8:45 AM
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